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SUBJECT: POLICY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (PARM)

REF: STATE 45461 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE MARCH 9 MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN WILLS AND SECRETARY
VANCE HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS.
IN VIEW OF THIS, AND KEEPING IN MIND LAST YEAR'S CASP,
PARM SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) WHAT ARE THE GOG'S MOTIVATIONS FOR WANTING TO REOPEN
MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S.? ARE THEY MERELY
TACTICAL, OR DO THEY PORTEND A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN GOG
POLICY? WHAT ADVANTAGE(S) WOULD THE U.S. DERIVE FROM SUCH
IMPROVEMENT?

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(B) WOULD IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS ALTER GOG PERFORM-
ANCE AT THE U.N. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA?

2. IN VIEW OF BURNHAM'S RECENT HEART ATTACK, THE POSSI-
BILITY FOR LEADERSHIP CHANGES MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
PARM SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

(A) WILL BURNHAM BE CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING HIS PREVIOUS ALL-PERVADING INFLUENCE IN SPITE OF THIS SETBACK?

(B) SHOULD BURNHAM'S RECOVERY BE INCOMPLETE OR SERIOUSLY DELAYED, IS THERE A LIKELIHOOD OF A STRUGGLE FOR SUCCESSION? IF SO, WHO ARE THE LIKELY SUCCESSORS?

(C) ASSUMING THAT BURNHAM IS IN FACT REPLACED, WHAT IMPACT WOULD THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP HAVE OVER THE GOG'S INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POSTURE?

3. BECAUSE OF GROWING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, GUYANA HAS BEEN SHOPPING AROUND FOR ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS, INCLUDING COMECON. PARM SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTRY WITHIN THE PARM TIME FRAME AND ASSESS WHAT THE OTHER DONORS MAY REALISTICALLY BE EXPECTED TO DO TO ASSIST GUYANA.

4. GUYANA HAS INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF OTHER CARIBBEAN ISLANDS SUCH AS DOMINICA. PARM SHOULD EXAMINE THE PROBABILITY OF GUYANA'S EXPORTING ITS OWN BRAND OF IDEOLOGY TO THESE MINI-STATES.
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